

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 337
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mr. Baxter Wheatley for his outstanding contributions to quality education in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is only fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those special persons who have dedicated themselves to one of our most important professions, teaching, and who, through their knowledge, effective skills and love of young people, have shaped the leaders of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, Baxter Wheatley is one such remarkable citizen whose exceptional work as an educator has not gone unnoticed; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wheatley received his bachelor of science degree from Bethel College and his master's degree from Murray State University; and

WHEREAS, Baxter Wheatley began his meritorious career in education as a teacher and coach at Puryear High School; and

WHEREAS, he then served with acumen for four years as the principal of the Hazel Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, he then transferred his considerable abilities to McKenzie Elementary School where he served for one year as principal; he also served for one year as secondary school principal at McKenzie High School; and

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WHEREAS, Baxter Wheatley next served with distinction for eight years as the Superintendent of the McKenzie Schools; and

WHEREAS, Baxter Wheatley then moved to Union City, where he served with alacrity and acuity as Superintendent of the Union City Schools for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, throughout his meritorious tenure in education, Baxter Wheatley has taught classes at Bethel College in McKenzie and the University of Tennessee at Martin; and

WHEREAS, Baxter Wheatley is a member of several professional organizations, including the American Association of School Administrators, Tennessee Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development, Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents, Tennessee Association for School Supervision and Administration and Phi Delta Kappa; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wheatley has rendered adroit service as a member of the Tennessee Certification Commission, former chairman of the Tennessee Superintendent's Study Council and former chairman of the Tennessee Committee of Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; and

WHEREAS, Baxter Wheatley has been the recipient of several honors and accolades, including the Tennessee Superintendent of the Year in 1986, and he was Tennessee's nominee for the National Superintendent of the Year in 1988; and

WHEREAS, he is also a highly regarded member of the Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, Baxter Wheatley is an active and devout member of the Union City First Methodist Church, where he serves as Lay Leader and Church School Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, his countless accomplishments aside, Baxter Wheatley is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Carolyne, and his two children, Carol and Stan; and

WHEREAS, it is not often that a community is blessed with such a truly talented and giving educator as Baxter Wheatley who, through his dedication to the profession he loves

and the people he treasures, has positively influenced Tennessee's most precious resource, our young people; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Mr. Baxter Wheatley upon his numerous contributions to quality education in Union City and throughout Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.